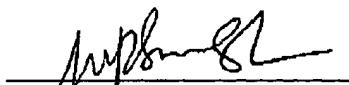


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Waheguru Pal Singh, et al.**SERIAL NO.** 10/052,908**CONFIRMATION NO.:** 9750**FILED:** October 29, 2001**FOR:** Methods of Sterilizing with  
Dipercarboxylic Acids**EXAMINER:** Qazi, Sabiha Naim**GROUP ART UNIT:** 1616**DECLARATION OF WAHEGURU PAL SINGH**

1. I am a named inventor of the above captioned patent application, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/052,908 (hereinafter 'Application').
2. U.S. Patent No. 6,342,528, U.S. Patent No. 6,518,307 and the Application were commonly owned or subject to assignment at the time of the invention claimed in the Application.
3. I derived no portion of the invention claimed in the Application from U.S. Patent 5,200,189 issued to Oakes, *et al.*, from U.S. Patent No. 5,049,298 issued to Ploumen, *et al.*, nor from any other document.
4. I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter that is claimed and for which the Application was filed.

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